COT Security Alert – Visa Gift Card Malicious Emails

The COT Security Administration Branch has become aware of a phishing attack that may appear legitimate to local users due to its use of local businesses as their front, including the Commonwealth Credit Union. They may also have what appear to be official signatures. The emails try to lead the recipient to a malware-infecting website by saying they have won a Visa Gift Card and that it must be redeemed by clicking on the link.

As always, users are warned **never** to click on links in unexpected emails. If you prefer to check for an email's validity, contact the business or person using only their published phone numbers rather replying to the email or using any contact information in the email itself.

NOTICE: COT is providing this information so that you are aware of the latest security threats, vulnerabilities, software patches, etc. You should consult with your network administrator or other technical resources to ensure that the appropriate actions for these alerts are followed. If you are a network administrator and need additional information, please call the Help Desk at 502.564.7576.

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